The Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom on the first floor of the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The purpose of the hearing is to review a new proposed regulation pertaining to Scrapie in sheep and goats. This regulation will, in turn, amend the agency's regulations regarding the entry of livestock, poultry and exotic animals and the exhibition regulation. Also to be reviewed will be an amended version of the agency's Reportable Disease List.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by calling the Livestock and Poultry Commission at 501-907-2400 or writing the Commission at # P. O. Box 8505, Little Rock, AR 72215.